

Drug Policy Advisory Council Meeting
May 15, 2008
1:00- 3:00 p.m.

Voting Council Members Present: Chairman Gary Kendell, Jeanette Bucklew, Sean McCollough for Gene Meyer, Phyllis Blood for Paul Stageberg, Kathy Stone for Tom Newton, John Garringer, Jane Larkin, Tim Cook for Brian Vos, Chris Wilson, Margaret Wright for Mary Nelson, Mary Nelson via phone for first half of meeting.

Non-Voting Members Present: Stephan Arndt, and Chris Fox for Col. Mike Jensen.

Staff: Dale Woolery, Dennis Wiggins, Becky Swift, Terry Graham, Susie Sher and Becky Bell.

Guests: Dan Wood, WHO Radio and Jeff Greenwood, KCCI-TV.

Welcome and introductions

Chairman Kendell called the meeting to order at 1:00 a.m. Board members and guests introduced themselves.

Kathy Stone made a motion to approve the February 14, 2008 meeting minutes. Chris Wilson seconded. The motion carried.

DHS Drug Testing and Child Welfare Update

Mary Nelson reported by phone that a contract for drug testing was issued to a lab processing company in New Jersey. Testing will begin on July 1, 2008.

She reported that DHS will be reviewing drug testing language and will develop a report to the legislature by December 2008 on how the drug testing funding is used.

DHS received a five year federal grant for Substance Abuse and Child Welfare. DHS and Public Health will work together implementing family drug courts in Des Moines, Ottumwa, Sioux City and Davenport. CJJP will evaluate the grant and a report will be submitted to the legislature.

Jeanette Bucklew asked about how community corrections programs are engaged with the family drug courts. Mary said that each site has put together a community team with a part-time coordinator. Mary directed Jeanette to Gayle Barber and Kathy Thompson for more information.

Byrne/JAG Funding Update

Chairman Kendell reported on the Byrne-JAG funding situation. For the upcoming fiscal year, ODCP will receive a state appropriation of \$1.4 million for Drug Task Forces.

It is anticipated that ODCP will receive \$880,000 in Federal Byrne-JAG funding, but the final numbers have not yet been released. This represents a 67% reduction in funding. The funding from the state will help offset this reduction.

Further discussion about Byrne-JAG funding took place.

State Underage Drinking Task Force Update

Becky Swift reported that the task force has finalized year one of the three year plan. During March and April over 40 Town Hall meetings about underage drinking were held across the state and on May 21 a daylong culmination meeting will be held to review the information that was gathered at these meetings and to generate ideas for years two and three of the plan.

DPAC Continuum of Care Committee Update

Discussion was held on the gaps in the continuum, particularly prevention and treatment programming.

The committee would like to educate legislators of the gaps that are creating barriers to service or allowing people to fall through the cracks. The committee has a goal of developing a report for the legislature about the gaps in the continuum and programs needs.

Discussion was also held on getting back to a more comprehensive service system, core fundamentals and structure, and networking and opportunities that would create growth and development. The committee would like to receive state and local level director buy-in and to see treatment and prevention courses offered at the local community colleges.

The committee discussed gaps in the prevention and treatment workforces and the need to stabilize the workforce. A prevention workforce study conducted several years ago will be reviewed and a new study may be conducted in the future.

A suggestion was made to link prevention and treatment with behavioral health to give them a stronger identity.

The committee will meet again to continue the discussion of gaps, including those in corrections, aftercare and re-entry.

Legislative

Director Kendell reported that neither the pseudo tracking nor Salvia divinorum bill passed this year. Both of these bills will be reintroduced in 2009.

A voluntary pseudo tracking pilot project is going on in Story, Boone and Greene counties with a third party vendor and there have been talks with Hy-Vee about another voluntary program.

ODCP will continue through the summer to work on its 2009 legislative agenda.

Other

Council members provided brief updates on their projects and programs.

Gary announced that Ken Carter will be retiring June 27 and that Kevin Frampton will be the new director of the DNE.

Next Meeting

The ODCP Planning retreat will be held Thursday, August 14, 2008. The location will be announced at a later date.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Bell